

REMARKS

Claims 15-22 are all of the claims currently pending in this application. Via the foregoing amendments, claims 1-4 and 6-14 are cancelled, and new claims 19-22 are added. Claim 5 was previously cancelled. Claims 15-18 are allowed.

New claims 19 and 20 are identical to claims 19 and 20 as presented in the non-entered Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 filed on September 2, 2003, and new claims 21 and 22 correspond to claims 17 and 18 as presented in the Rule 116 Amendment.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c)
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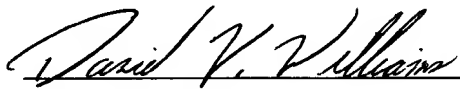
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